## **Baby Safe Surrender Law Timeline:** From Birth to Day 30

(DAY 3) Current Safe Surrender Law in CA: A parent who is unable or unwilling to care for an infant can legally and confidentially surrender their baby within 3 days of birth to any hospital emergency room in California or any site defined as a Safe Surrender Site by individual County Board of Supervisors.

(DAY 5) Safe Surrender Laws in other states: In New York, infants who are 5 days old or younger may be relinquished to a designated safe haven site. (DAY 3-10) Baby Blues:

Symptoms include depression, lack of concentration, loss of appetite, and lack of sleep. These symptoms usually start about 3 to 4 days after delivery and may last for up to 10 days after delivery. (FamilyDoctor.org)

(DAY 17) Current Safe Surrender

Law: In four States (California, Connecticut, Delaware, and North Dakota), a copy of the infant's numbered identification bracelet may be offered to the parent as an aid to linking the parent to the child if reunification is sought at a later date. In CA, a 14-day "cooling off" period is given to parents that choose to safely surrender their child. Assuming a child is turned in on the final day, Day 3, the last day a parent can legally reclaim their child within the "cooling off" period is Day 17.

(Day 10-Day 60) Postpartum

Depression: Symptoms include feeling sad often, feeling restless, irritable or anxious, and showing little interest in your baby. An estimated 10 percent of new mothers experience postpartum depression. (MayoClinic.org)

(DAY 30) Safe Surrender Laws in other states:

Approximately 14 States and Puerto Rico accept infants up to 1 month old.

Day 1

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(DAY 3) Safe Surrender Laws in other states: In approximately 16 States, infants who are 72 hours old or younger may be relinquished to a designated safe haven.

(DAY 1) Infanticide: The risk of homicide on the first day of life is 10 times greater than the rate during any other time of life. (NC Dept of Health and Human Services)

(DAY 7) Safe Surrender Laws in other

**states:** In Georgia, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, North Carolina, and Oklahoma, infants who are 7 days old or younger may be relinquished to a designated safe haven.

(DAY 14) Safe Surrender Laws in other states: In Delaware, Iowa, Virginia, and Wyoming,

In Delaware, Iowa, Virginia, and Wyoming, infants who are 14 days old or younger may be relinquished to a designated safe haven.

**AB 1048 (Torrico):** This piece of legislation would make three keys changes to current law:

- 1. Extends the time in which a parent can safely surrender a baby from 3 to 30 days after birth.
- 2. The Department of Social Services designates a statewide agency in charge of administering the law.
- 3. Along with the County Board of Supervisors, AB 1048 allows local fire agencies to designate local fire stations as safe surrender sites.